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Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

Receipt is acknowledged of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) and a submission, filed on April 01, 2003. The submission, however, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because the amendment attached to the request does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 which requires that all "currently amended" claims should have markings (strikethrough and underlining suggested). For example, claim 14 line 14, the language "said third direction lying in a plane parallel said first direction" has been inserted (but not underlining) after the "said first and second directions defining a plane" (which is deleted but not strikethrough). Similarly, claim 53 line 13, the language "said third direction defining a plane parallel said first direction" has been inserted (but not underlining) after the "said first and second directions defining a plane" (which is deleted but not strikethrough). With respect to claim 56, the last paragraph has been inserted but not underlining. With respect to claim 57, this claim is improper because it appears incomplete (no period at the end of the claim). Also, applicant reinstates claim 32 is improper since the claim had been canceled in the amendment filed September 24, 2002. Therefore, the amendment has not been entered.

SINCE the submission appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE

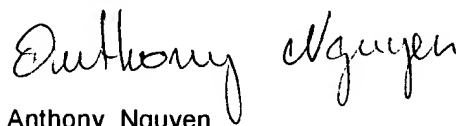
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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 308-2869. The examiner can normally be reached daily from 9 AM to 5PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Hirshfeld, can be reached on (703) 305-6619. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-7722.

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